

Application No. 10/599,038
Office Action dated April 6, 2010
Response dated July 1, 2010
Docket No. 830-2F-008

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner writes that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicants have rewritten claim 5 into independent form according to the Examiner's suggestion, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to claim 5.

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Alioto, U.S. Patent 5,137,430, in view of Ostrowiecki, U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0156950, further in view of Yang, U.S. Patent 6,017,201. In summary, there is only one independent claim remaining: allowable Claim 5. The remaining claims are amended to depend from independent allowable claim 5.

Claims 1 and 4 are cancelled in the present response (rewritten into amended independent claim 5).

Claim 2 is amended to depend from newly independent claim 5 (see above). Because claim 5 is allowable, applicants request withdrawal of the 103(a) rejection of claim 2.

Claim 3 depends from claim 2, which itself depends from allowable claim 5. Because claim 5 is allowable, applicant request withdrawal of the 103(a) rejection of claim 3.

Claim 6 is amended to depend from newly independent claim 5 (see above). Because claim 5 is allowable, applicants request withdrawal of the 103(a) rejection of claim 6.

Applicant requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to
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Respectfully submitted,

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